



# Troop 23 – Hot News

## May 11, 2020

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### **FEEDING THE 5,000:**

Starting this week First Presbyterian Church is hosting a food drive and has asked for our Troop's participation. The drive takes place from **May 11-22**. In order to safely collect food donations, bins will be set up outside of the church's Madison St. entrance from 9 am – 3 pm, Monday through Friday each week, where contact-less donations of non-perishable items can be dropped. Church staff will monitor the bins and bring the food inside throughout the day. This food drive, called "Feeding the 5,000" will benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry and the People's Resource Center. The goal is to collect 5,000 cans/food items. The most needed items are; rice and beans, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and meat, and cat and dog food.

### **RECOGNITION FOR EAGLE SCOUT GRADS:**

Monday, **May 18**, we are going to meet in the parking lot of First Pres at 6:45 p.m. to kick off a drive-by parade to recognize our Eagle Scouts that are graduating from High School this year. The route is being crafted and will be shared prior to that date. We hope to have as many Scouts and Scout families participate as possible to give our graduating Eagle Scouts a fun send off!

### **SUMMER CAMP NEWS:**

Three Fires Council and Camp Freeland Leslie have cancelled our Troop's scheduled week of camp. Based on Leader and Scout availability, as well as approval by State & County Boards of Health, we hope to attend CFL the week of July 19-25 (for scouts who want two weeks the "second" week would potentially be July 12-18). If you were registered for summer camp you should have received an email from Julie Carlson asking for your availability for July 19-25. To help with the Troop's Summer Camp planning please reply to that email by **May 15**.

The Ryan Mademann Campership is funded through a generous legacy by the family of a former scout who passed away in 2009. The Campership provides \$200 to two Scouts to cover a portion of the cost of summer camp. It is a merit award based on a Scout's essay describing his goals for the upcoming summer camp. Applications are due by **June 15**. For more details and to submit your application, see our troop website at <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/2020-camperships/> . Any questions please contact Brian Dunbar [dunbarbrian83@gmail.com](mailto:dunbarbrian83@gmail.com)

### **ADVANCEMENTS:**

An Advancements Q&A email was sent out two weeks ago with lots of information on how Scouts can keep moving forward during this time. Please make a point to review all the information in it. Some key points from the email:

Scouts with advancement questions should **FIRST** check with their Patrol Leader, then SPL and then their Patrol Adviser. While Adult Leaders are always available to Scouts, the scouts should continue to recognize that the troop is Scout-led, even during this time.

If you have completed all rank advancements other than requirements that cannot not be completed due to the shelter in place order, you **CAN** have your Scout Master Conference. First make certain that your Cyber information, advancements sheets, and Skills Review (if applicable, and see the Q&A email for details on what a Skills Review is) have been turned in to the Advancements Coordinator.

### **MERIT BADGE WORK:**

If you wish to work on a Merit Badge please remember to connect with Mr. Jeffers and get a Blue Card. You can also request a Merit Badge book from our troop library. You can "order" them by contacting Mr.

Jeffers, and then pick them up at his office. Also, if you have Merit Badge books and are done with them, please return them to Mr. Jeffers so other scouts can check them out. Older scouts are urged to donate any Merit Badge books to our library once they are done using the book. We are especially short on Cooking Merit Badge books, so please return them or donate them to the troop by dropping them at Mr. Jeffers' office; 127 West Willow Avenue.

**EAGLE COURTS OF HONOR:**

Eagle Courts of Honor scheduled for May will be moved to August or Sept on a Monday evening. Details will be announced as they become available.

**CALENDAR UPDATES:**

Check here <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/2020-calendar/> for the current schedule.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR FEEDBACK, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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